

## REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are currently active.

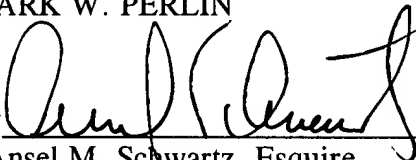
Claims 13-16 have been canceled.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicant elects Invention I having Claims 1-12 without traverse. In regard to the specie election requested by the Examiner, the generic claims are 1-4, 9, 11 and 12, as stated by the Examiner, with the specific specie election by applicant of Claim 8.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that Claims 1-12, now in this application be allowed.

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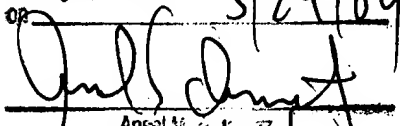
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